

RUIN OF SERBIA IS THE GREATEST CRIME OF WAR

Associated Press.
LONDON, Oct. 18.—The situation in Serbia today is summed up in a communication received by the British Socialist party from the executive committee of the Serbian Socialists.

The Serbian population in the portions of our country occupied by Austria-Hungary is now 2,218,000, according to official census figures published in the Official Journal at Belgrade. The population normally would have been 3,170,000. There is, therefore, a reduction of 952,000, or 30 per cent. The male population has been reduced by 38 per cent. There are now in Serbia 144 women to 100 men.

"In the districts occupied by Austria-Hungary the reduction in population is 300,000."

"Dr. Otokar Rihar, the Austrian recalcitrant deputy, declared in the Vienna parliament on June 28: 'Serbia will be saved, but there will no longer be Serbs.' He said these words when protesting against the greatest crime committed in this war, the deportation of 30,000 Serbian women, children and men from the departments of Vranje, Niš and Pirot, and their internment in Asia Minor. Among these 30,000 there were 8,000 women and young girls delivered over to the Turks. Of those a great number committed suicide by throwing themselves off cliffs."

FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL COME FROM JAPAN

Associated Press.
TOKIO, Oct. 18.—How to invest Japanese capital in the United States is believed to be one of the objects of the official financial commission which will soon visit America. The business circles of the empire attach great importance to this mission because it represents an intention on the part of Japan to adjust itself in a financial and economic way to the new conditions created by the war and by the entrance of the United States into the hostilities.

Baron Tanitaro Megata, one of Japan's leading financiers, who has been designated by the cabinet as chief commissioner, will be accompanied to America by a staff of experts from various ministries and by four prominent men representing the leading business interests. In a general way, he says he wishes to develop a practical working co-operation of the business interests

whether they be in the United States, Japan or China.

The commission will visit all the leading centers in the United States, including San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Washington, and will consult with representative Americans, both private and official.

Baron Megata will have with him Baron Bunkichi Ito, the son of the late Prince Ito, who is attached to the ministry of agriculture and commerce; Osamu Matsumoto, the chief of the financial section of the treasury department; Takezo Sakauchi, expert of the financial department, and Dr. Seiji Hishida, secretary-interpreter for the Korean government general.

The four business men, who rank as economists, include Uenaga Noyama, a director of the Mitsubishi bank, who was educated in the United States; Yoshitaro Yamashita of

AMERICANS COME TO THE RESCUE AFTER GERMAN SAILORS DESPOIL

Associated Press.
BASE AMERICAN FLOTILLA IN BRITISH WATERS, Oct. 18.—Four French fishermen who comprised the sole crew of the fishing boat Quatre Frères (four brothers) were landed here the other day by one of the American destroyers. The Quatre Frères, after being stripped of everything of value by the Germans, including the catch of mackerel, the fishermen's money and food supplies, was sent to the bottom by bombs from a submarine. The four Frenchmen were left to their fate, 12 miles from land, in a small open boat barely large enough to hold them all.

After rowing for several hours a rescue came up and the fishermen hoisted a sail, which, spotted by the British by their American rescuers, was thought to be a submarine and was fired upon. The marksmanship of the Americans was bad this time and the frightened Frenchmen hastily hauled down their sail and waved the white cloth. Half an hour later they were set ashore at this village.

they were safely on board the American destroyer, where they were given welcome in the form of a good meal and dry clothing. They could not speak a word of English, but one of the American officers knew some French and they got along handily.

Aboard here the wife of a British sea captain acted as interpreter. She had lived in France and Belgium for many years and speaks French fluently. She had the fisherman at her house for tea.

Describing their treatment on board the American destroyer, one of the fishermen said:

"My hat those Americans made a great fuss over us. When we sat down to eat we had about ten of them waiting on us. I guess they were trying to show us how nice they were that they hadn't hit us. We will never forget their kindness."

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DRIFTING MINEFIELD ON NORWAY'S COAST

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Associated Press.
CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 18.—Drifting mine fields are reported along the whole Norwegian coast from Listerland eastwards. Off Hauro twenty mines were seen drifting south to Christiania Fjord and from Hauro many explosions have been heard. The drifting mine fields are surrounded by a mass of drifting wreckage. Norwegian motorboats have saved many cases of wine, marzipan and whale oil. Other boats report encountering great masses of glass balls rolled up in steel wire and rope work, which seemed to be a type of "U-boat net."

The ownership of the drifting mine fields is a matter of doubt in the minds of some. Certainly nobody is anxious to claim them, for they do not conform to the rules of The Hague convention, which prescribes that mines shall be so constructed that they become harmless when drifting.

OUT OF COMMUNICATION.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 18.—The war office has completely lost touch with its forces on Odessa island.

They stood on the pier and gave three cheers for the Americans. "We're in America" being shouted by them as the blue jackets waved farewells with their caps.

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SECRET SESSIONS OF PARLIAMENT PLANNED

Associated Press.

TURIN, Oct. 18.—The Italian parliament has reopened its sessions at Rome under peculiar circumstances two facts being so prominent as to demand a ministerial crisis poll. The question of supplies is especially grave regarding wheat, coal and wool. Italy produces no coal and must import all she needs. Her wool is insufficient owing to the enormous consumption for military clothing. But the most serious of all is the necessity of importing this year about three million tons of wheat, otherwise it will be almost impossible even with the restrictions

which led to the resignation of the food controller, Giuseppe Canepa, whose place has been taken by General Alfieri.

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imposed by bread cards, to reach the next harvest.

The government is being called upon by parliament to justify its action with respect to both these situations. Whatever the result is whether the present ministry in power, or under a new cabinet, the nation is determined to carry on the war to a victorious end and defeat the efforts of the insatiable Socialists who are trying to spread dissatisfaction among the troops and induce them to cease fighting after October 31.

CONQUERORS WELCOMED.

Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—A raving cheering crowd of 2,000 White Sox rooters stormed the La Salle street station late yesterday to welcome home the world's baseball champions. The crowd broke through police lines and, accompanied by two brass bands, swarmed around the conquerors of the Giants.

MICHIGAN WINS.

Associated Press.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 18.—Using the forward pass to good advantage the University of Michigan football eleven defeated the strong University of Detroit team, 34 to 5, here yesterday afternoon.

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TEMPEST IN TEAPOT.

Associated Press.

PEKING, Oct. 18.—Baron Alford, the Italian ambassador, made only a verbal request for the Tientsin concession. But it was sufficient to stir up a tempest in China, which

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WARSHIPS SIGHTED.

Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 18.—The National Telephone's Malmo, Sweden, correspondent in a dispatch says:

"Between Monday and Tuesday a great number of German warships were seen, including submarines and destroyers. It is believed here that the Germans are reinforcing their

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